

**Table 5. Occupations with the largest job decline, 2000-10**

[Numbers in thousands of jobs]

Occupation	Employment		Change		Quartile rank by 2000 median annual earnings <sup>1</sup>	Most significant source of education or training
	2000	2010	Number	Percent		
Farmers and ranchers .....	1,294	965	-328	-25	2	Long-term on-the-job training
Order clerks .....	348	277	-71	-20	3	Short-term on-the-job training
Tellers .....	499	440	-59	-12	3	Short-term on-the-job training
Insurance claims and policy processing clerks .....	289	231	-58	-20	2	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Word processors and typists .....	297	240	-57	-19	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Sewing machine operators .....	399	348	-51	-13	4	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Dishwashers .....	525	483	-42	-8	4	Short-term on-the-job training
Switchboard operators, including answering service .....	259	218	-41	-16	3	Short-term on-the-job training
Loan interviewers and clerks .....	139	101	-38	-28	2	Short-term on-the-job training
Computer operators .....	194	161	-33	-17	2	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Dining room and cafeteria attendants and bartender helpers .....	431	402	-29	-7	4	Short-term on-the-job training
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers .....	379	355	-24	-6	3	Short-term on-the-job training
Machine feeders and offbearers .....	182	159	-22	-12	3	Short-term on-the-job training
Telephone operators .....	54	35	-19	-35	2	Short-term on-the-job training
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive .....	1,864	1,846	-18	-1	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Prepress technicians and workers .....	107	90	-17	-16	2	Long-term on-the-job training
Office machine operators, except computer .....	84	68	-16	-19	3	Short-term on-the-job training
Cutting, punching, and press machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic .....	372	357	-15	-4	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Postal service mail sorters, processors, and processing machine operators .....	289	275	-14	-5	2	Short-term on-the-job training
Railroad brake, signal, and switch operators .....	22	9	-13	-61	2	Work experience in a related occupation
Wholesale and retail buyers, except farm products .....	148	135	-13	-9	2	Bachelor's degree
Meter readers, utilities .....	49	36	-13	-26	2	Short-term on-the-job training
Butchers and meat cutters .....	141	128	-13	-9	3	Long-term on-the-job training
Parts salespersons .....	260	248	-12	-4	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers .....	602	591	-11	-2	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Eligibility interviewers, government programs .....	117	106	-11	-9	2	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Door-to-door sales workers, news and street vendors, and related workers .....	166	156	-10	-6	3	Short-term on-the-job training
Procurement clerks .....	76	67	-9	-12	2	Short-term on-the-job training
Railroad conductors and yardmasters .....	45	36	-8	-19	2	Work experience in a related occupation
Barbers .....	73	64	-8	-12	4	Postsecondary vocational award

<sup>1</sup> The quartile rankings of Occupational Employment Statistics annual earnings data are presented in the following categories: 1=very high (\$39,700 and over), 2=high (\$25,760 to \$39,660), 3=low (\$18,500 to \$25,760), and 4=very low (up to \$18,490). The

rankings were based on quartiles using one-fourth of total employment to define each quartile. Earnings are for wage and salary workers.